

IN THE ABSTRACT;

The original specification has been amended in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.77(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.125, and the substitute specification is attached hereto. The abstract of the specification has been amended as part of the specification, and has been amended in accordance with the requirements of MPEP § 608.01(q). No new matter was added in amending the abstract of the specification.

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention concerns a device and a procedure for global protection of objects with electronic components. An electronic theft protection device can be circumvented by shielding, exchanging, or bridging critical components. The new invention avoids this by making the protection a functional component of the object to be protected. The security devices, e.g., in a vehicle, become active by at least one of the components and/or information within at least one component that is essential for operation of the vehicle is deactivated irreversibly and or erased, so that even a disassembly or bridging of the component concerned can achieve no effect, since acquisition of a functional replacement part is not available. The components can, for example, be placed in the motor electronics, the steering column lock, the door lock, and/or the key. Through miniaturization of the receiver, any electronic devices can be protected. This includes, among other things, radio telephones, (Euro-)checkcards and cash cards, credit cards, telephone cards, keys to electronic systems, mobile electronic devices, such as cassette recorder, CD players, clocks, computers, etc.